

Mar Vista Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting

June 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

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AGENDA

Call to Order and Welcome – Albert Olson, 1st Vice Chair (2 min.)

Pledge of Allegiance - Bill Scheduling

Approval of Minutes (public comment permitted (2 min)

Public Comment & Announcements - (limit: 2 minutes per speaker)

Elected Officials and City Department Reports (max 2 min. each)

DONE – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator

Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director, Laura Island

CD 5 – Councilman Weiss

CD 11 - Councilman Rosendahl – represented by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org , Field Deputy

US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman, represented by Jessica.Duboff@mail.house.gov , Field Representative (North District)

CA Senate 28 – CA Senator Jenny Oropeza's Office represented by Primitivo.Castro@sen.ca.gov , Field Deputy.

CA Assembly 47 – Assemblymember Karen Bass represented by Jenny.Wood@asm.ca.gov , Deputy District Director.

CA Assembly 53 – CA Assemblymember Ted Lieu, represented by Jennifer.Zivkovic@asm.ca.gov , Field Deputy

2nd District LA County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, represented by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov , Dist. Deputy

Mayor of LA – Antonio Villaraigosa represented by Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org , Westside Area Representative

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Rob Kadota (2 min.)

First Vice Chair, Albert Olson (2 min.)

Second Vice Chair, Sharon Commins (2 min.)

Secretary, Laura Bodensteiner (2 min)

Treasurer, Christopher McKinnon (2 min.)

Director for Animal Welfare – Lola McKnight (2 min.)

DWP MOU – Babik Nahid

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano, (2 min.)

LANCC Delegate Report – Babak Nahid (2 min)

Mayor's Budget Planning – Rob, Sharon, Chris (2 min)

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

1) Executive & Finance Committee – Albert Olson (10 min)

a) Funding Motion: '09-'10 Proposed MVCC Annual Budget of \$45,000.00 plus carry over from 08-09 and 07-08 budgets

i) See Attachment A

b) Funding Motion re Community Improvement Grants - The MVCC will establish a procedure for choosing a group of worthy projects, and allocate \$35,000 to disburse as Community Improvement Project Grants. This allocation must be disbursed by the end of the 2009-2010 fiscal year and must follow all DONE procedures and guidelines.

c) Executive Committee Elections – July 14, 2009

i) Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

2) Community Concept Plan Committee – Sharon Commins, Chair (2 min)

3) Community Outreach Committee – Albert Olson and Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs (5 min)

a) See Attachment B listed below

4) Education, Arts and Culture – Babak Nahid and Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs (10 min)

a) Funding motion re: Charnock Elem. School Arts Program - Request MVCC to allocate \$1500. to the Friends of Charnock Campaign to Save the Arts, to help continue arts education for students at Charnock Elementary School. This funding motion must meet all City of L.A. funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passed or it expires. FOC will ensure that MVCC is acknowledged for its support in upcoming news letters and other outlets, if applicable.

b) Funding motion re: Venice HS Robotics Club - Request MVCC to allocate \$1000 to the Robotics Club of Venice High School to help students learn, build, and compete in the robotics field. This funding motion must meet all City of L.A.

funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passed or it expires. The Robotics Club/ VHS will ensure that MVCC is acknowledged for its support in upcoming news letters and additional outlets, if applicable.

- 5) **Election & Bylaws Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (2 min)
- 6) **Green Committee** – Laura Bodensteiner, Chair (5 min)
 - a) Administrative Motion re: Green Committee Mission Statement: The mission of the MVCC Green Committee is to empower Mar Vista area Stakeholders to become more environmentally aware by providing information and methods that promote a sustainable lifestyle. The committee shall also work in cooperation with the other MVCC committees, local neighborhood associations, residents, businesses, public agencies, the MVCC Board of Directors and others to further these goals.
 - b) Funding Motion re: Recycling containers for MV Rec Ctr - Allocate up to \$120 to purchase 5 recycling bins for placement at Mar Vista Park unless the City will provide them. This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year '09-'10 or it expires on June 30, 2010.
 - c) Administrative Motion re Green Comm. Blog: Continue profiling gardens on the showcase blog, as well as MVCC events with a landscaping/environmental focus.
 - d) Administrative Motion - partner with CD11 Water Conservation event to assist with planning and outreach, and to receive acknowledgement that the event is co-hosted by the MVCC Green Committee.
 - e) Administrative Motion: the MVCC Green Committee requests a booth at the Fall Festival.
- 7) **Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee** – Bill Pope (2 min)
- 8) **Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Sharon Commins and Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs (5 min)
- 9) Funding Motion re: Old 62 Station Clean Up \$100 - the Mar Vista Community Council supports the June 27, 2009 Mayors Day cleanup of Old FS 62 and allocates an amount not to exceed \$100.00 for a multi use banner advertising the project with the following proposed text: "Mar Vista Community Council Project" with the MVCC logo prominently displayed Line 2: "Old FS 62 Cleanup" Additional notes: Banner text to be placed so as to be reusable for other MVCC events by allowing enough space between the two text lines to affix future MVCC project or event information over the proposed text for the June 27th cleanup. The OLD FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee has also voted to make cleanup and beautification of the old fire station an ongoing committee community service project so as to prevent the property from becoming an enduring blight and nuisance to the neighborhood
- 10) **Planning and Land Use Management Committee report** – Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs
- 11) **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Tom Ponton, Chair (10 min)
 - a) Report on the progress of the public stairs project from Inglewood Blvd. to Granville Ave. – Roseann Herman
 - i) Funding Motion re Inglewood Stairway project: Request that the MVCC Board extend and renew into the next fiscal year, previously approved of funds of up to \$2,500, in support of beautification and maintenance, including buying plants, containers, trash cans, and lighting upgrades as approved by the City and nearby residents. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.
 - b) Report on the progress of the public stairs project from Beethoven St to Appleton Way. – Marilyn Marble
 - i) Funding Motion re: Beethoven Stairway - Request that the MVCC Board extend and renew into the next fiscal year, previously approved of funds of up to \$2,000, in support of beautification and maintenance, including buying plants, trash can, and a bench for the public stairs from Beethoven St to Appleton Way. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.
 - c) Report on needed improvements to the Mar Vista Park Roller Hockey Rink. – Jerry Hornof
 - i) Funding Motion re: MV Rec Ctr Roller Hockey Rink - Request that the MVCC approve funds of up to \$2,500 for the purchase of specialized patching and repair materials and surface coating material to be used for the repair and upgrade of the surface of the Hockey Rink at Mar Vista Park. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.
 - d) Report on landscape and maintenance problems at the NEW Fire Station 62. – Christopher McKinnon
 - i) Funding Motion re New LAFD Station 62: Request for MVCC community improvement and beautification funds of up to \$2,500 for the repair, replacement and addition of plants, irrigation and landscaping elements at NEW Fire Station #62. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.
 - e) Report on landscape and maintenance concerns at the OLD new Fire Station 62. – Sharon Commins
 - i) Funding Motion re: Old LAFD Station 62: Request for MVCC community improvement and beautification funds of up to \$500 for the replacement and addition of California native drought tolerant plants and landscaping elements at OLD Fire Station #62. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.
- 12) **Safety and Security Committee report** – Bill Koontz, Chair (5 min)
 - a) Funding Motion re: National Night Out Event - The MVCC shall allocate up to \$400 to purchase 400 highly reflective kids bracelets to be handed out in support of the "National Night Out" tuesday August 4th from 6pm to 8 pm at the Mar Vista Rec. Center.
- 13) **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Scheduling, Chair (2 min)
- 14) **SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick (1min)
- 15) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report** - Albert Olson, Chair (5 min.)

a) See Attachment C below

16) Web Development Update – Babak Nahid (5 min)

a) Administrative Motion: Approval by Urban Insight Design #10 for MVCC home page design template

17) Zone Director Reports

18) Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

19) New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

20) Grievances – Secretary

Any grievances received since the last meeting of the MVCC Board of Directors will be presented to the board for their consideration for possible referral to the MVCC Grievance Committee for further review and consideration.

- 05/07/09 Grievance filed by Rick Selan – printed materials will be provided at board meeting. (5 min)

Future agenda items

Public Comment and Announcements (limit: 2 minutes per speaker)

Adjournment (9:30 PM)

The audience is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the Agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment period. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Mar Vista Community Council meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site at www.marvista.org.

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Attachment A – MVCC Proposed '09-'10 Annual Budget

**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2009-2010
(proposed Board 6.9.2009)**

Funds

Yearly Allocation 2009-2010	45,000.00
Rollover from Previous years (estimated)	60,000.00
ACCOUNT BALANCE WITH DONE as of Jul 1,2009 (Estimate)	105,000.00
Petty Cash Rollover (estimated)	400.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE MVCC 2008-2009 (Estimate)	105,400.00

Budget

Category		Annual Total
100	Operations - 12%	
101	Committee Meeting Expenses	2,000.00
102	Office Supplies	2,000.00
102a	Copies	2,000.00
103	Staffing/Apple One or equivalent	5,000.00
104	Office Equipment and Software	2,000.00
105	Credit Card fees	150.00
106		

Sub Total	13,150.00
200 Outreach - 53%	
201 Newsletter - 4	25,000.00
202 Web Development	6,000.00
203 Website Hosting	2,000.00
204 Internet Survey Service	240.00
205 Refreshments Board and Stakeholder Meetings	2,000.00
206 Neighborhood Outreach Events	10,000.00
207 Advertising in Neighborhood Newsletters	6,000.00
208 Poster Printing for PA Kiosks	500.00
209 Promotional Items	4,000.00
210	
Sub Total	55,740.00
300 Community Improvement - 35%	
301 Community Beautification and Improvement Projects	15,000.00
302 Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance	15,000.00
303 Special Projects	6,510.00
304	
Sub Total	36,510.00
Grand Total	105,400.00

Attachment B – Community Outreach Committee (7 min)

- 1) Funding Motion: Mar Vista Community Fall Festival - The Mar Vista Community Council will partner with the Mar Vista Recreation Center to present the Mar Vista Community Fall Festival at the Mar Vista Park, and allocates up to \$5,000 to assist in funding the Festival. The funds will be used for items such as (but not be limited to):
 - a. Event Publicity \$1,500
 - b. Furniture Rentals \$2,150
 - c. T-Shirts (with MVCC logo) \$650
 - d. Volunteer lunch \$250

The MVCC, through its Outreach and Education & Arts Committees, will also assist in providing community and area school's participation in an "Arts and Culture" component for the Festival. Additionally, the MVCC Green Committee will be assisting in various capacities to further the "Mar Vista Goes Green" theme of the Festival.
The MVCC will be identified as a co-sponsor and/or partner on all promotional materials.
- 2) Funding Motion: Annual Youth Community Service Awards - The Mar Vista Community Council agrees to allocate up to \$5,000 to fund the establishment of an annual Community Youth Service Awards program to recognize outstanding achievements by MVCC youth. The MVCC Board requests that the Outreach and Education, Arts, & Culture Committees establish the details and requirements for the program and bring the results back to the Board for final approval prior to implementation of the program.
- 3) Funding Motion: North Westdale Newsletters - The MVCC allocates \$250 to the North Westdale Neighborhood Association out of the \$6,000 August 12, 2008 MVCC funding motion for neighborhood association newsletters to pay for ads placed in three of their monthly newsletters. This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2010.

Attachment C – Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (10 min)

1) Administrative Motion: The T & I Committee proposed mission statement:

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee serves as the policy advisory body to the Mar Vista Community Council on transportation and infrastructure issues that concern and/or impact the Mar Vista community. The committee's goal is to promote community input and involvement on these issues, and to provide input to the MVCC Board regarding:

- (a) redress of issues raised by the community regarding traffic, transportation, and infrastructure, and
- (b) the development of area planning strategies for transportation and infrastructure, in cooperation and coordination with Los Angeles Department of Transportation, California Department of Transportation, and other organizations and stakeholders, that will enhance the quality of life for all in the Mar Vista community.

(2) Policy Motion: MVCC Response to Bundy Village and Medical Center D-EIR

(This motion will also include the referenced Exhibits 1-4 copies will be available for review at the meeting or downloaded from the web posted agenda)

MVCC response to Bundy Village and Medical Center DEIR

RE: Bundy Village and Medical Center Draft Environmental Impact Report

Case No. ENV-2006-3125-EIR

State Clearinghouse Number: 2006111106

The Mar Vista Community Council has the following concerns regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report published for the Bundy Village and Medical Center:

WATER SUPPLY

The DEIR states that "According to a Water Supply Assessment performed for the proposed project adequate water supplies would be available to meet the water demands of the proposed project. The LADWP anticipates that the projected water demands from the proposed project could be met during normal, single-dry, and multiple-dry water years, in addition to the existing and planned future demands on the LADWP. As such, no new or expanded water supplies would be necessary for the operation of the proposed project and a less-than-significant impact would occur."

The MVCC requests that this Water Supply Assessment be re-evaluated. In light of the fact that the City of Los Angeles in April of 2009 approved "shortage year rates" for all Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) water customers effective June 1, 2009, citing reduced water supplies due to drought and regulatory restrictions, it is imperative that a new Water Supply Assessment be conducted, and that the issue of insufficient water supplies be addressed. Clearly any increase in the population density of the area will only worsen and prolong the water crisis currently facing the City of Los Angeles. The Water Supply Assessment should examine water availability for increases in population contemplated not only by the West Los Angeles Community Plan, but all adjacent Community Plans. It should address long term regional cumulative impacts upon all residents. The MVCC recommends that no density-increasing development project be approved so long as "shortage year water rates" are in effect, and unless the City has signed contracts guaranteeing at least a twenty-year water supply for existing Los Angeles residents plus the density increase effectuated by the proposed land development project.

TRAFFIC

The DEIR states that the project is expected to add 20,073 Daily Trips and 1879 Peak Hour Trips to Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue and Olympic Boulevard,

1. The MVCC is concerned that this massive increase in Daily Trips on these two major roadways in West Los Angeles, and the impact this increase will have on the intersection of Bundy Drive and Olympic Boulevard cannot help but make what is already a very badly congested traffic situation even worse.
2. The MVCC believes the traffic impacts described in the DEIR and accompanying Traffic Impact Analysis Report (Appendix H of the DEIR) are understated because LADOT's Traffic Study Policies and Procedures and the West L.A. Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan allowed the developer to make the following invalid assumptions:
 - a. Only one-quarter of non-senior condo residents will commute during the Peak Traffic Hour. This is a CEQA violation as CEQA requires impacts to be measured under the worst conditions, which would be that all condo residents commute during the Peak Traffic Hour.
 - b. Only one in twenty residents over 62 will drive a vehicle to or from the project during the Peak Traffic Hour
 - c. Intersections will accommodate up to 75% more traffic than their physical capacity allows. (See Exhibit 1.) The over-allocations should have been spread back to prior intersections and the resulting impacts mitigated. (See Exhibit 2.)

- d. Current congestion-constrained flows were interpreted as current Demand on an intersection or roadway. Consequently intersections and freeways were given current baseline remaining-capacity ratings that are higher than realistic.
- e. The East Bound I-10 will accommodate the project's additional PM Peak Hour trips without impacting existing upstream traffic west of the Centinela on-ramp. (See Exhibit 3.)
- f. Too much credit was given for Pass-By trips. (See Exhibit 4.)

If real-world assumptions are used, the MVCC believes that Total Daily Trips will be closer to 25,607 than 20,073, and PM Peak Hour Trip will be closer to 2,740 than 1879.

Furthermore, the MVCC believes the effectiveness of proposed mitigations are overstated for the following reasons:

- a. Motorist already perform the capacity-enhancing behavior intended by the Right Turn Pocket mitigations at the intersections where such measures are proposed. Therefore no mitigation credit should be given for Right-Turn Pocket type mitigations.
- b. Although many of the other proposed mitigation may theoretically calculate out as providing a capacity increase at an individual intersection, subsequent unmitigatable downstream congestion negates the benefit. (See Exhibit 5.) Even using the under-estimated impacts and over-stated mitigation benefits, the proposed project would:
 - a. Would leave eighteen (18) intersections at Level of Service "F" after proposed mitigations, including unmitigatable impacts to the following Mar Vista community intersections:
 - Ocean Park Blvd./Gateway Blvd. and Bundy Drive (14% to 16% over capacity)
 - National Blvd. and Bundy Dr./Centinela Av (24% over capacity AM)

This is unacceptable. It also violates both the West Los Angeles Community Plan and the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plans, which state that Levels of Service are to be maintained at the Satisfactory Level Of Service of LOS "D" on Secondary Highways, or "E" on Major Highways and business districts. (The actual number of LOS "F" intersections will be closer to 60 as a result of the proposed and related projects. This would have been shown in the Traffic Study if the traffic that cannot be accommodated at the eighteen over-allocated intersection had been properly shown as backing to prior intersections as in the real-world. See Exhibit __.)

- b. Cause Bundy-Centinela commuters to divert to the Mar Vista residential streets of Palms Boulevard, Inglewood Boulevard and McLaughlin to reach Barrington Avenue; and divert to Palms Boulevard, Beethoven Street and Rose Avenue to reach 23rd Street as alternate routes to avoid Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue.

3. The Traffic Impact Analysis cited in Appendix H states that LADOT discussed downscaling the project as a "possible means to reduce the traffic impacts of the project to below significant levels. However, the applicant indicated the scope of the project is required due to the sizable demand for additional medical services on the Westside of Los Angeles, particularly medical services adjacent to affordable and senior housing" The MVCC believes that even if it were a proven fact that there is a sizable demand for additional medical services on the Westside of Los Angeles (and the MVCC has seen no study showing this to be the case), this would still not justify the negative traffic impacts that will be felt by all of the communities surrounding this development, and would not justify the negative impact on the quality-of-life of all the residents of these surrounding communities.

IN CONCLUSION, the MVCC recommends that the City take the following actions:

1. Redo the Traffic Impact Analysis using gravity-flow modeling for trips generated and those which can be accommodated based on the principles of sound traffic engineering.
2. Require mitigation of the newly discovered impacts that will either:
 - a. leave all project-used intersections and roadways at Community Plan specified Satisfactory Levels of Service, or
 - b. completely accommodate all project traffic with no increase in Volume demand to Capacity (V/C) Ratios greater than 0.00, or
 - c. downsize the project so that requirements a. or b. can be met, or
 - d. disallow the project.

If the above is not done, then in order to protect MVCC residential neighborhoods from the traffic impacts that will clearly occur, the MVCC must request the Bundy Village and Medical Park project developer to make a voluntary contribution to a Mar Vista Neighborhood Traffic Management Escrow Fund to be established at the Los Angeles Department of Transportation for the development and implementation of an effective "neighborhood traffic intrusion reduction program" for Mar Vista residential streets (similar to the contribution to be made by the developer for such a plan for Nebraska Avenue and Missouri Avenue). The contribution should be of sufficient amount to cover full implementation of the developed traffic management program. This program would be developed and monitored by the developer, LADOT, CD11 Councilmember, and the Mar Vista Community Council.

- (3) Policy Motion: Requesting that the Bundy Village and Medical Center project developer contribution to a Mar Vista Traffic Management Escrow Fund. This motion will be sent to Councilmember Rosendahl and CD11 staff.

Whereas the Bundy Village and Medical Center project, proposed near the northwest corner of Bundy Drive and Olympic Boulevard, is expected to add 20,073 Daily Trips and 1879 Peak Hour Trips to Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue and Olympic Boulevard, and

Whereas the Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue intersections at Olympic Boulevard, Pico Boulevard, I-10, and Ocean Park-Gateway Boulevards will be Significantly Impacted by this project, and

Whereas the resulting congestion on Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue will likely cause Bundy-Centinela commuters to divert to the Mar Vista residential streets of Palms Boulevard, Inglewood Boulevard and McLaughlin to reach Barrington Avenue, and divert to Palms Boulevard, Beethoven Street and Rose Avenue to reach 23rd Street as alternate routes to avoid Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue,

Whereas the increased traffic from the project to the I-405 freeway will significantly increase the traffic on National Blvd., a street which runs through the center of the Mar Vista Community, from Bundy Dr. to the freeway,

The Mar Vista Community Council requests the Bundy Village and Medical Center project developer to make a voluntary contribution to the Mar Vista Neighborhood Traffic Management Escrow Fund of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation for the development of a “neighborhood traffic intrusion reduction program” for Mar Vista residential streets, similar to the contribution to be made by the developer for such a plan for Nebraska Avenue and Missouri Avenue.